CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES April 28, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DRAFT REPORT, PUBLIC WORKSHOP, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

HEALTH ADVISORY: SAFE EATING GUIDELINES FOR FISH FROM THE LOWER COSUMNES AND LOWER MOKELUMNE RIVERS (SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES)

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announces the availability of the draft report entitled "Health Advisory: Safe Eating Guidelines for Fish from the Lower Cosumnes and Lower Mokelumne Rivers (Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties)." The report contains an evaluation of findings of elevated mercury levels in fish from the lower Cosumnes and lower Mokelumne rivers and provides safe eating guidelines for these water bodies. OEHHA is soliciting comments from interested parties on the draft report and advisory during a 30-day public comment period. OEHHA will also hold a public workshop to make a presentation, answer questions, and take comments on May 11, 2006, at 6:45 PM, at the Lodi Public Library, 201 W. Locust St., Lodi. Comments may be submitted at any time until the close of the comment period.

Comments on the draft report may be submitted by phone, fax, or e-mail to Dr. Susan A. Klasing. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2006. OEHHA will consider comments received by this time and revise the draft report and advisory as appropriate to issue a final report and advisory.

OEHHA is making the draft document available at the OEHHA Web site at http://www.oehha.ca.gov. A copy of the report is also available by calling (916) 327-7319.

If you would like to submit comments, receive further information on this announcement, or have questions, please contact Dr. Susan A. Klasing using the information provided below.

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